

These minutes were approved at the 11/21/11 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2011

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** County Board Member Dirk Enger led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., Russell Radkiewicz, and Nanette B. Connelly were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

Public Participation. The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Chris Scheck, District 33 Board of Education, spoke about the growth in ISAT reading and math scores in District 33.
- 2) Dirk Enger, DuPage County Board District 6 member, came to speak about the vote tomorrow on the DuPage Youth Center operations being moved to Kane County. He outlined the financial problems this will cause the municipalities, and the harsher treatment of the youths in Kane County, namely being subjected to strip searches. DuPage County's program is known world-wide for its excellence. In response to the Mayor's questions, Mr. Enger said 28 probation officer positions would be lost. Mr. Enger said two of the three judges, the Sheriff, and the States Attorney are all against this move. Mr. Enger congratulated District 33 on the improved scores. He also thanked the Mayor and others who attended the Veterans Day event on Sunday at the Convalescent Center. He said the seniors were ecstatic. He did not see other towns represented. The Mayor said this administration takes veterans very seriously. He thanked Mr. Enger for all he does on behalf of West Chicago.
- 3) David J. Sabathne, resident, and President and CEO of the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the recognition for outstanding service he received at the *4 the People* prayer breakfast, which was a moving experience. Mr. Sabathne said *4 the People* has done many things for the community from collecting food for the food pantry and other good deeds and that they would recognize him really meant a lot to him. Regarding the Chamber of Commerce, it will be recognizing volunteers in from West Chicago and Warrenville this Thursday at Pheasant Run. Mr. Sabathne recognized the contributions of the City Council and Mayor. People do not usually talk about the basic needs of the community, but they think about the people in their life. The youth raking leaves for the seniors is such an example.

A. Proclamation: National GIS Day. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation on National GIS Day on which the Mayor proclaimed November 16, 2011, as National GIS Day and urged all citizens to participate in GIS Day activities.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Chassee announced that Alderman Radkiewicz was recuperating at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center after ankle surgery. She was sure he would appreciate a card or a telephone call. Contact her for contact information.

The City Clerk announced that the public is invited to the Veterans Day Service to be held at the West Chicago American Legion Post starting at 10:30 am on November 11, 2011.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- November 14, 2011 Development Committee
- November 15, 2011 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the November 7, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,153,591.35. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following items:

A. Approve – Change Order No. 1 and Final for a Total Addition to the 2011 Effluent Launder Replacement Program (for an amount not to exceed \$2,505.00)

B. Resolution 11-R-0120 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement with State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the Main Street Pedestrian Tunnel Rehabilitation Project (for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00)

C. Resolution 11-R-0121 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products for the Procurement of Liquid Carbon Dioxide for FY 2012 (for an amount not to exceed \$20,700.00)

D. Resolution 11-R-0122 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mississippi Lime Company for the Procurement of Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY2012 (for an amount not to exceed \$245,100.00)

E. Resolution 11-R-0123 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Rowell Chemical Corporation for the Procurement of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY 2012 (for an amount not to exceed \$52,160.00)

F. Resolution 11-R-0124 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Rowell United States Aluminate Company for the Procurement of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for FY 2012 (for an amount not to exceed \$20,721.00)

G. Resolution 11-R-0112 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Maintenance and Apportionment of Energy Costs for Traffic Control Devices Located on State Highways within the City of West Chicago for the Term of July 1, 2011, through July 30, 2021

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

H. Resolution 11-R-0107 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Parking Enforcement Agreement with West Chicago School District #94

I. Resolution 11-R-0114 – A Resolution Amending the Distance Parameters of the Noise Mitigation Program

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

J. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2011

K. Ordinance No. 11-O-0062 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Extending the Post-Closing Occupancy Date - 101 W. Washington Street

L. Ordinance No. 11-O-0063 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, article XV of the City Code - Licensing of Residential Rental Property

M. Ordinance No. 11-O-0065 –An Ordinance Granting a Deviation to Allow Floodplain Depth within a Parking Lot Greater than One Foot During a 100-Year Storm Event - 1965 Powis Road

N. Resolution 11-R-0115 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Temporary Easement for Access and Construction Lot 1 in North Industrial Park

O. Resolution 11-R-0116 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Lease Renewal with the Union Pacific Railroad Company - Commuter Station

P. Resolution 11-R-0118 – A Resolution Accepting a Lease Agreement between the City of West Chicago and Jose A. Schmidt - 435 Main Street

Q. Resolution 11-R-0119 – A Resolution Accepting a Lease Agreement between the City of West Chicago and Miguel Rodriguez - 314 High Street, Unit B

R. Appoint - Michael Konewko and Aaron Reinke as Administrative Law Judges for Parking Ticket, Red Light, and Administrative Tow Hearings

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. .None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said the youth leaf raking program was a success. There were about a hundred volunteers. He said the City of West Chicago is in good hands. He also wanted to thank some of the volunteers: many from the Water's Edge Church, the Community Fellowship Church, West Chicago High School Agricultural Club, West Chicago High School Interact Club, Wheaton Academy Student Council, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Graf Family, and the Santiago Family. The Mayor said all the volunteers and the seniors really appreciated this event. The Mayor said he is proud of these youth who are the future, and he is proud of their families too.

The Mayor thanked Don Early for all his hard work in setting up the Prayer Breakfast. The turnout was one of the largest. There were excellent speakers. All the church people and residents that came out were very nice. The Mayor said it is very important with the down economy to get people together and be upbeat.

Friday is Veterans Day. The Mayor said the veterans are the reason we are all here, and that people can vote and be elected to a position. Some gave the ultimate sacrifice. He encouraged people to come out and spend an hour to honor them. If you see a veteran, shake his hand and say thank you. This is all we can ask of people. We must keep the stories going back to the Revolutionary, Civil War, and others, whether they served overseas or not, they gave a commitment to this country. The Mayor said he has been going to the Convalescent Center for many years. He sees less and less of our World War II veterans. He sees them looking at the flag and listening to the speakers, and he really wants to thank each one of them. The country is losing 1,000 WWII veterans a day. When he was young, the World War I and Spanish American veterans used to be in the parades. Now his generation is looking at World War II which has given us so much. The veterans are reluctant to talk about their history, but the stories must be shared with your children. Children should be reminded of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iran. He would like to see no more war.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session. Not applicable.

15. Adjournment. At 7 35 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk